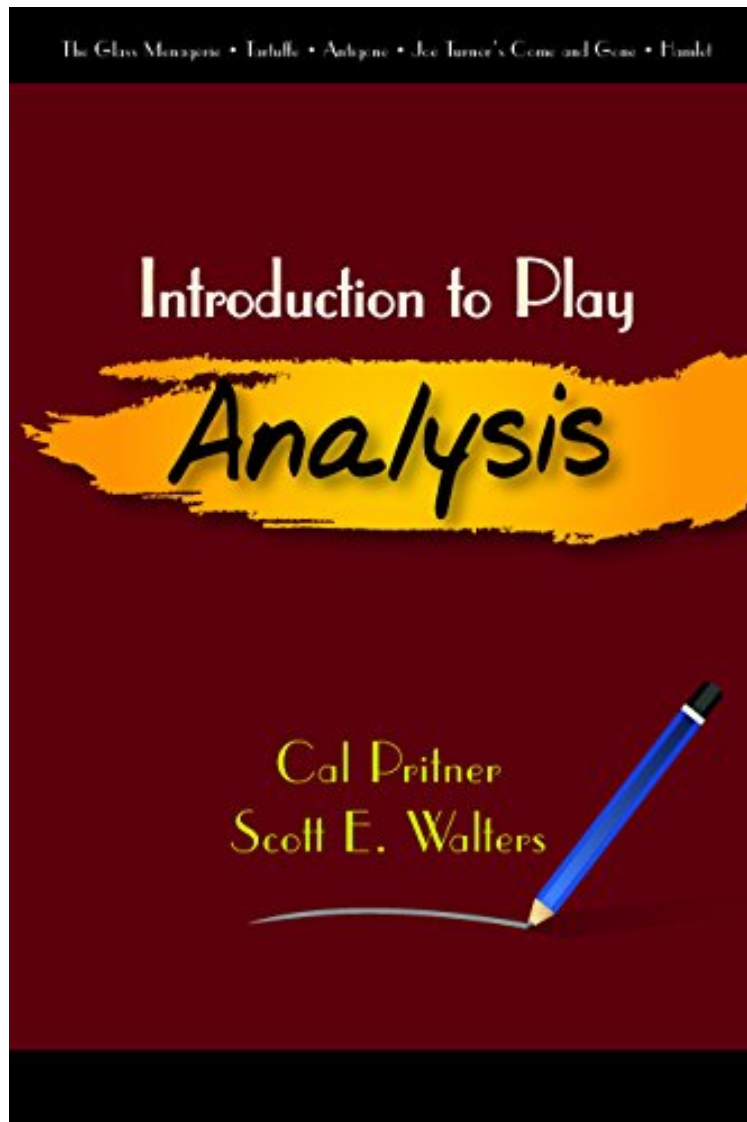


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**Cal Pritner, Scott E. Walters : Introduction to Play Analysis** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Introduction to Play Analysis:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Susanne Caviness great resource 2 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Excellent! By J. Pollard Book in great condition and the price saved me lots of money. This is a required textbook for many Theatre Arts programs around the country. 10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Good book, but watch the price! By Customer This is an excellent and methodical look at how one may analyse a theatrical script. BUT--watch out for the pricing of this book McGraw-Hill lists this book at \$50. has it for

around \$34 and it seems to be going used for about \$23. This is, at most, a companion text which needs copies of the analysed scripts ("Glass Menagerie," "Joe Turner's Come and Gone," "Tartuffe," and "Hamlet" to get the full effect (all parts of one of McGraw-Hill's theatre anthologies). While says that this book is 144 pages, my copy (also first edition and also published in 2005) is only 114 pages long. Don't get me wrong--I think that this is a perfect companion to any theatre class where students are going to be required to read scripts, but I cannot in good conscience require a text that is this expensive and this short. If it was around \$15, bundled with their anthology, or even provided as an appendix to one of their anthologies it would be an excellent addition to my class. As it is I'll simply put a copy on reserve in our library and suggest students use it to help with their assignments.

"To succeed in the theatre, students must have strong skills in analyzing plays." So states the author's rationale for this concise text that offers a step-by-step approach to recognizing how plays work. Pritner and Walters guide the reader through four levels of reading a play. This approach progresses from a purely subjective and personal response, through objective information gathering, and on to more complex levels of interpretation. Each chapter of Introduction to Play Analysis introduces a concept that is then explored by studying its application to The Glass Menagerie, chosen for its simultaneous accessibility and complexity. Other examples rely on works by Sophocles, Moliere, August Wilson, and Shakespeare. End-of-chapter questions can be applied to any play being analyzed.

"I like that after looking at The Glass Menagerie, the text then provides the student with tools to apply this process to the scripts they will analyze." --Mike King, Northern Kentucky University  
"If students use the end-of-chapter questions to analyze most scripts, they will be rewarded with understanding and the ability to discuss the plays intelligently with a team of collaborators." --Valleri J. Robinson, University of Illinois, Urbana  
"This is an excellent book for practitioners and students of theater alike." --Marjorie Hayes, University of North Texas  
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